

REMARKS

The Office action mailed April 21, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The pending claims, claims 1 and 6-9, were rejected. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish over the applied art. The specification fully supports such amendments to claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration in view of the following is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Saito (US 6,480,884) in view of Segal et al. (US 6,167,251). The Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being upatentable by Saito in view of Segal et al. and further in view of Balogh et al. (US 5,893,101). The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Saito in view of Birrell et al. (US 6,189,026) and further in view of Donaldson (US 6,321,267).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite “a user data memory that registers user data of the data processing apparatuses having the personal address book data set therein”. The “user data memory” is a memory to register one’s own computer with the push type scanner apparatus. See specification, page 18, line 25 to page 19, line 9 and Figure 2.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Saito et al., alone or in combination with Segal et al. does not teach or suggest that the external computer or PDA is the “user’s” computer or PDA. Segal et al. does disclose that a user of a cellular phone 34 may download a telephone number from the personal address book database 38a, and may link the database records to speed-dial numbers. See col. 29, lines 45-55. The personal address book database 38a is one of a variety of external information sources 38a-39n such as downloaded data from an external computer and PDA. See col. 29, lines 28-37. However, the cited prior art do not teach or suggest that the external computer or PDA is the user’s computer or PDA.

In the present invention, as claimed, the personal address book data is stored in the data processing apparatus whose user information is registered in the user data memory of the push type scanner. The user stores a personal address data book in the user’s own processing apparatus. This ensures that the user’s private address data remain secure and private in the user’s data processing apparatus. At the same time, the dispersed storage of personal address

book data in the users' private processing devices reduces the required memory in the claimed scanner apparatus. See Specification, page 21, line 21 to page 22, line 11, page 23, lines 5-13 and page 18, line 25 to page 19, line 9.

Nowhere does Balogh et al., Birrell et al or Donaldson et al., alone or in combination, alleviate the deficiencies of Saito et al. or Segal et al. None of the cited prior art teaches or suggests a user data memory that registers user data of the data processing apparatuses having the personal address book data set therein.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed invention is unobvious and all the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should properly be withdrawn.

Request for Interview

Applicants respectfully request either a telephonic or an in-person interview should there be any remaining issues.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **032739M058**.

Respectfully submitted,
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